

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A system is provided which allows a person authentication process to be performed in a device in which a person identification certificate used for person authentication is not stored. A device for performing a process for requesting person authentication performs a process for retrieving a person identification certificate used for a person authentication process on the basis of user input information with device-stored data being used as the retrieval target, outputs a request for issuing a person identification certificate after mutual authentication with the person identification certificate authority which is a person identification certificate issuing entity, obtains the certificate from the person identification certificate authority, and stores the certificate. The certificate is stored in a template encrypted using a public key of the device or a user, and can be used in the device which receives the certificate.